The Integrated Community Agriculture and Nutrition (ICAN) Activity

Resilience of 116,000 households in 8 districts

Livelihoods
Food Security and nutrition
Governance and mobilization

Using “value addition” partnerships with IPs and District Local Government

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Uganda’s Covid 19 Status

Confirmed cases: 1,254

Active: 96

Cumulative recoveries: 1,113

Contacts listed: 15,120

Samples tested: 290,701

Contacts follow-up completed: 14,412

Contacts under follow-up: 708
Under quarantine: 1,829
Trend of individual beneficiaries who received ICAN services.
Adaptation due to COVID19

Main challenges
- Community based activities e.g gatherings, trainings,
- Movements of VHTs, mentors and cultural leaders

Key successes
- Door-to-door movements using mega phones
- WASH uptake increased.
- Opportunity for income generation- AGYW cloth masks, soap making,
- Divided the beneficiaries in small cohorts of not more than 10
- Radio programming focusing on food security
- SMS broadcasting to key champions – Business Service Providers, Village Health Team Members and Community Leaders
What programming is continuing as planned pre-COVID?

- Screening of children under five for malnutrition
  - Emphasis was put on the use of clinical assessment methods, and referral of children with signs and symptoms of malnutrition to the health facilities
- Following the already developed resilience plans
- Market linkages through the BSP model
- Tree planting – mosquito repellent trees
- Delivery of nutrition messages to pregnant and lactating mothers
- FP messages, and referral to health facilities for care
What factors have enabled programming to continue as planned?

- ICAN uses a facilitative approach
- Works with existing community structures
- Builds the transformative resilience capacities
- Radio is still king in Uganda – 89% listens; Mobile Phone (60% owns)
- COVID – 19 Government Guidelines accepted gathering of 5 people with social distancing
- Agriculture production, and health were considered essential services by GOU
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